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- Between 7 and 9 January, the railroad bed and tracks between Shanghai and Canton were in good condition. There were no signs of track repairs. The locomotives were mostly old and burned coal; there were no Diesel locomotives. The local trains were frequently late but the express trains were on time. There were many freight cars moving between Shanghai and Canton and most of them were loaded with lumber and charcoal. Some of the cars were loaded with tarpaulin-covered boxes. No vehicles were carried on the freight cars.
- On 8 January a troop train of about 20 freight cars and carrying 1,000 soldiers without weapons, was moving in the direction of Shanghai at the junction of the Chekiang-Kiangsi and Shanghai-Canton Railroads in Hunan.
- On railway bridges there was a sentry post at each end manned by two soldiers with rifles or submachine guns. On the Shanghai-Canton express train there was a railroad policeman to each car. The policeman made no attempt to inspect the papers of the passengers.

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